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Sunday 20th September 2026

Series: Preparing for revival

Prayer dynamics II – Armour of God

Ephesians 6:10-18

Simon Downing

SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 20th September. We look forward to welcoming you to worship this Sunday. Brenda's band will be leading us in our worship, before Simon continues his '**Prayer Dynamics**' series with Part 2: '**The Armour of God**', based on Ephesians 6:10–18. We will be thinking about what it means to stand firm in Christ, clothed in the armour God provides.

Whether you are part of our regular church family or visiting us for the first time, you will be very welcome.

If you're unable to join us in person, you can watch the service online at:

<https://www.aldwickbaptist.co.uk/category/current-sermons>

TODAY'S FLOWERS are in memory of Steve Lomas who died 25th September 2021. So much time has passed, yet it so often seems like yesterday. Jill.

PREACHING TEAM – Derek is preaching at Swanfield Chapel, Chichester, today. Please pray for him as he shares God's Word, and pray that his message will encourage and challenge those who hear it.

TONY WOOD – Tony's funeral service will be held at Arun Crematorium on Friday, 25th September at 12:30pm followed by a celebration of his life at 1.30pm here at ABC. Please continue to pray for Cilla, Briana and Alexander as they come to terms with the loss of Tony. Pray that they will know God's comfort and peace in the days ahead, and that He will give them strength to go on.

HOT POT SUPPER & QUIZ NIGHT – SATURDAY 26th SEPTEMBER. Our next Love Aldwick event is almost here! Join us at 7pm on Saturday 26th September for a great evening of good food, good company and plenty of quiz-night fun. The evening is FREE, but places are limited and numbers are already rising, so BOOKING IS ESSENTIAL. There will be an opportunity to make a donation to Tearfund, supporting its work among people in need around the world. As we approach Harvest, this is one way of sharing something of the blessings we have received with others. Don't miss out – contact Clive as soon as possible!

NEXT SUNDAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE – 27th September. Next Sunday will be one of our quarterly **Mission Focus** services, giving us an opportunity to look beyond ourselves and hear more about what God is doing through His people elsewhere. **Ian Coldrick** will be joining us to update us on the work of **Compassion UK**, as well as bringing God's Word to us. Clive's band will lead our worship. Do join us for what promises to be an encouraging and informative morning.

COMING SOON – Our **Harvest Celebration** on **Sunday 4th October**. Harvest gives us a special opportunity to pause and thank God for His goodness.

JOY SMITH – I would like to thank the church family for their prayers, cards & flowers during her time of illness. They were a great comfort to me.

This week's poem

Not every struggle we face can be seen. There are worries, doubts and pressures that can quietly wear us down, and days when our own strength seems insufficient. Yet we do not walk the road alone. God meets us along the way, giving us the strength, hope and courage we need for each new day.

Strength for the road.

The morning starts with little things,
the kettle, post and phone;
a list of jobs, a busy day,
the hours quickly gone.

We meet with friends, we make our plans,
we laugh, we work, we care;
yet underneath the everyday
are burdens that we bear.

A word can hurt, a worry grow,
a doubt can cloud the way;
and sometimes strength we thought we had
seems simply drained away.

Yet God is there in ordinary things,
in places small and still;
His quiet presence walks with us
through every vale and hill.

He gives us strength to carry on,
and courage for today;
a truth to hold, a hope to trust,
a light along the way.

So when the road seems difficult,
and answers are unclear,
we take the next small step with God,
and know that He is near.

TAB (The Aldwick bard)

BOGNOR CHURCHES TOGETHER - Thursday, 24th Sept. You are invited to join us at this Bognor Churches Together prayer gathering 7 for 7.30 at St Wilfrid's. Entrance via the Prayer Room in the southeast corner of church, opposite the Vicarage. Best to walk round the path from the main entrance unless you want to step over a wall

FOODBANK - We are very grateful to all those who donate items for the Bognor Foodbank. Current urgently needed items are: **Tinned rice pudding, Tinned fruit, Biscuits, UHT milk, Spreads.** The collection point is in the foyer.

PRAYER CORNER

PRAYER REQUESTS. If you are in need of prayer, then email contact@aldwickbaptist.co.uk

IAN SURRELL – As some of you will already know from the community Café is back home from hospital. Do thank the Lord for his safe return to us. Continue to pray for ongoing healing and protection. Ian wants to thank you all for your prayers, cards and phone calls.

RONNIE GAYLE PRAYER REQUESTS – Please pray for a long-time friend of my late ex-wife and myself, Milly Holden whose cancer has come out of remission, and she has been told that she will need chemotherapy treatment. Pray too for my sister Pauline Gayle has just been diagnosed with breast cancer, and will need 5 days of radiotherapy as part of her treatment.

PAUL COX – Paul's funeral will be held at St. John's church in Southbourne on Monday 28th September at 10.30am. Paul was the minister at Southbourne Free Church until he died suddenly in August. Please pray for his wife Veronica and for the church community in Southbourne who were all devastated by his sudden death.

JOY SMITH – Do pray for Joy as she continues to struggle with her health. Pray too for John who is concerned about Joy's health and for the rest of the family.

GILL AND TREVOR GUY – We would be grateful for the continued prayer of the church family for our daughter in law Kay as she undergoes a long, intense course of chemotherapy.

PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY – For Frank, Marion Collins, Arthur Magee, Marion Bryant, Marie Stoneham, Daphne Ashby, Hazel Bell and many others in the fellowship who are struggling with various health issues.

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